

**LABOR and PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE PUBLIC  
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**JANUARY 29, 2013**

Senator Osten, Representative Tercyak and members of the committee, my name is Cameron Champlin and I represent Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local Union 777. I am here today to testify in favor of ~~HR 5137~~, the Labor History Bill, for the Union and myself.

*HR 5137*  
*HR 5713*

This bill is long over due. Every faction that has had an impact on the formation of this country has been documented and included in our schools curriculum, from the first explorers from the Old World to the space endeavors of today. The only segment that has had significant impact on this country and is not included is the labor movement. We should never forget the horrible conditions that workers had to endure in the sweatshops of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. The strife of the American worker in the early years of this country and the sacrifices they had to make to improve these conditions should be known to all. When workers tried to band together to improve their work environment they were beaten with baseball bats, maimed and even killed by personnel hired by their employers. This all happened while police stood by and did nothing.

Over the years the 40 hour week, holidays off, overtime pay, safety standards, decent wages and benefits have not come as a gift from employers, they have been implemented because of men and women that fought and suffered so that all workers can enjoy a better life.

I ask that you vote to move this bill out of committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this very important bill. If any further information from me is needed I can be reached at (860) 287-0020 or email [camc@att.net](mailto:camc@att.net).